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Resolution 28

APPRECIATION FOR FLORIDA'S HSOPITALITY AND EXCELLENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the 63rd Annual Meeting of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in Buena Vista, Florida has been an outstanding and memorable event; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Natural Resources and the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission have arranged a well organized meeting and an excellent program, and has been a most gracious host; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners extends its appreciation to Governor Reubin O'D Askew, to the Florida Department of Natural Resources to the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission, and to Disney World, Florida for this rewarding and memorable conference.

Resolution 29

FUNDING FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN COOPERATIVE WILDLIFE DISEASE STUDY

WHEREAS, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, recognizes the acute need for spanning gaps in data and information relating to the inter-relationship of certain exotic diseases between managed forms of wildlife and domestic livestock and poultry; and

WHEREAS, the Association has vital concern over potential vast losses of wildlife resources, domestic livestock and poultry at considerable expense to related industries, governmental agencies and individual farmers, ranchers and sportsmen; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, as conceived and established by the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners in 1957, has exhibited extraordinary abilities in solving wildlife disease-related problems of national scope through a regional approach to the overall enhancement of public health, national livestock and poultry industries and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Wildlife Disease Study has exhibited unique proficiency in responding to disease crises such as could again be faced in the Southeast and all of the United States; and

WHEREAS, a critical need exists for a multi-agency approach to potential disease-related national disasters, merging the resources of the United States Department of Agriculture and the various wildlife agencies of the Federal government and the states to gain insight into disease relationships between domestic animals and wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, urges Congress to support a minimum appropriation of \$500,000.00 annually in the U.S. Department of Agriculture budget to continue and accelerate through cooperative effort the vital functions of the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease program.

Resolution 30

NATIONAL GRIZZLY BEAR RESEARCH

WHEREAS, the concern for the grizzly bear as a species is of National significance; and

WHEREAS, over 9 million acres of possible grizzly bear habitat exists on National Forest lands where population quality and quantity are virtually unknown, and

WHEREAS, other grizzly bear ecosystems exist among the several western states, and

WHEREAS, the National Academy of Science is in the process of critically analyzing the research accomplished over the past 13 years, and

WHEREAS, the Yellowstone ecosystem concerns a very narrow spectrum of the Nation's total grizzly bear population and habitat, and

WHEREAS, a study team consisting of members of the National Park Service, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and the U.S. Forest Service are investigating the grizzly bear populations and habitats within the Yellowstone ecosystem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners requests that sufficient funds be appropriated by the U.S. Congress and allocated to assist the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and the concerned State Wildlife management agencies in the establishment of a continuing intragency study team charged with making a comprehensive national inventory of preferred habitat, distribution and population of the Nation's grizzly bears and the identification of the influence that might detrimentally affect those populations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that information from separate studies being conducted within Yellowstone National Park be incorporated with the information collected by the study team when such information becomes available through reports of the National Academy of Science.

Resolution 31

INTERNATIONAL WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

The International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners endorses and supports an International Waterfowl Management Symposium that will be sponsored by Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

REPORT OF THE SETH GORDON AWARD COMMITTEE

Criteria for the Award

BASIC DATA

Frequency of Award—Presented to one individual each year at the IAGFCC annual meeting if a qualified recipient is available and selected by the Seth Gordon Award Committee.

Type of Award—Steuben glass bowl on a wooden base containing a brass plate inscription:

THE SETH GORDON AWARD
PRESENTED TO _____
BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GAME,
FISH AND CONSERVATION COMMISSIONERS

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(and about 14 words of specific data
starting with "FOR")

Selection Process—By current Seth Gordon Award Committee.

Selection Deadline: August 1

Criteria Changes: After adoption by the Executive Committee, these criteria can be changed only by the Executive Committee at least one year (12 months) prior to the selection of any nominee by the Award Committee.